



KIPP: New Jersey

KIPP Life Academy

KIPP New Jersey's fourth elementary school opened its doors to 308 students last year.

ABOUT KIPP LIFE ACADEMY

KIPP Life Academy is our network's fourth elementary school, and our first turn-around campus, assuming responsibility for students at the Bragaw Avenue school. KIPP Life will continue adding new kindergarteners each year, reaching its full size in year five.

ABOUT KIPP NEW JERSEY

KIPP New Jersey's schools are part of the nationally recognized "Knowledge Is Power Program" network of free, open-enrollment, college-preparatory public schools dedicated to preparing students in under-served communities for success in college and in life. We opened our doors in 2002 and will continue to grow to reach 15 schools in Newark and Camden. By offering outstanding educators, more time in school learning and a culture focused on achievement, 92% of our high school seniors have matriculated to college proving that demographics don't define destiny.



KIPP LIFE ACADEMY

103 Bragaw Ave
Newark, NJ 07112
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WEBSITE:
www.kippnj.org/schools/life-academy

SCHOOL LEADER:
Samantha Traub

OPENED:
2014

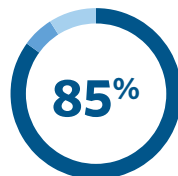
HOURS:
7:30AM-4:30PM (M, Tu, Th, F)
7:30AM-1:30PM (W)

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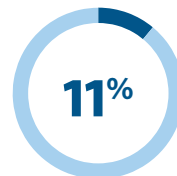
STUDENTS SERVED

K-4

GRADES



85% AFRICAN
AMERICAN,
6% LATINO



QUALIFY
FOR SPED
SERVICES



ELIGIBLE FOR FREE
OR REDUCED-PRICE
LUNCH

WHAT MAKES LIFE ACADEMY UNIQUE?

PART OF THE TEAM AND FAMILY

Founded by a former teacher at one of the highest performing KIPP elementary schools nationally, KIPP SPARK Academy, we were able to build on SPARK's successes from day one with a powerful program to close the opportunity gap by second grade.

EXCELLENT TEACHERS

We model the love for continuous growth and learning. Teachers receive weekly professional development, observations, and coaching. We believe that by developing teachers we can positively impact the landscape of what is possible in the classroom.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Students will learn the power of social justice through an integrated arts and service learning program. Through dance, music, and language acquisition, scholars will learn the history and impact of change makers that came before us. They will then use this knowledge in order to create a service learning project that gives back to their community in Newark.

VALUES



Excellence



Joy



Love



Teamwork



Optimism

IMPACT

PROGRESS REPORTING

Students are tested throughout the year to make sure they are learning, so we don't just rely on state tests to know if they are on track. Teachers have custom-built dashboards to make this data actionable on a daily and weekly basis. We collect hundreds of data points on each of our students

throughout the year, and send them to parents weekly to keep them informed of their students' progress. Twice a year, we use the nationally-normed MAP test to measure our progress against the nation.

RESULTS

Our students take the MAP test in

the fall and spring to measure their progress on a nationally-normed scale. Our elementary students typically finish elementary school around the 70th percentile in math nationally and the 60th percentile in reading, after starting closer to the 25th percentile. They start fifth grade well ahead of other fifth graders in Newark.

ABOUT SAMANTHA TRAUB, SCHOOL LEADER

Samantha Traub was born and raised in New York City, where she attended Binghamton University. Graduating in 2007 with a BS in Latin American and Caribbean Studies & Sociology, she joined Teach for America (NYC) and trained in martial arts at the U.S.A. Shaolin Temple. Samantha taught for three years in the Bronx before joining KIPP SPARK Academy as a founding first grade teacher. At SPARK, she was a grade level chair for both first and third grade and in 2013 joined KIPP's Fisher Fellowship. In 2014, Ms. Traub founded KIPP Life Academy, the first KIPP school to open K-4, striving to fulfill the mission of creating a high-quality community school in the South Ward.

